Funds for drinking water in rural areas of Karnataka

892. SHRI LALIT SURI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka State had appealed to Centre for release of funds to the tune of Rs. 150 crores to provide drinking water in rural areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only Rs. 27.50 crores was released recently; and

(c) by when the balance amount will be released and the reasons for delay in releasing the amount?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) For supplementing the efforts of the States to provide drinking water facilities in rural areas, the Central Government provides financial assistance to the States under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The funds under ARWSP are allocated to the States as per a fixed criteria based on

- Rural population;
- States under Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) & special category hill States in terms of rural areas of the State;
- Not Covered/Partially Covered villages; and
- Quality affected villages.

During the year 2004-2005, an amount of Rs. 10045.89 lakh was allocated to Karnataka as per the laid down criteria and the entire amount has been released.

Misutilization of funds by NGOs working in the rural sector

893. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 295 NGOs working in the rural sector have been blacklisted by CAPART for misutilization of funds, non performance, etc.;

(b) if so, the details of such NGOs State-wise including their blacklisted projects and funds;

(c) the preventive steps such as verification, monitoring and evaluation of projects undertaken or being undertaken to check the further recurrence of fraudulent activities of NGOs;